(iii) Another bridge to be constructed for which financial sanction has been issued separately by the State Government out of the funds made available by the XI Finance Commission. With the construction of the second bridge, a proper circulation plan to be drawn up and all the shops which are currently located on the road in front of the temple could be relocated in the nearby area on Ajanta pattern.

(iv) A well planned parking space would be created for the buses as well as for the vehicles at appoint a little ahead of Badrish Ekta Van.

(v) In the building which is being wrongly constructed along the main temple and which cannot now be demolished, a proper Information-cum-Interpretation Centre, incorporating the concept of March of Indian Civilization, to be set up.

(vi) The hot water kunds to be re-planned and effectively cleaned and made more elegant.

(vii) A by-pass road to be constructed connecting it with the Mana village.

Recognition of Kanwariya Pilgrims

†87. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kanwariya pilgrims are recognised by Government to be religious tourists;

(b)if so, whether the arrangements of toilets, rain baseras and mobile hospitals are being mooted to be made available along the highways and in Haridwar, Rishikesh etc. for providing facilities to the Kanwariya pilgrimage being held twice a year;

(c) whether any action plan is being worked out with the consultation of the State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected from the State Governments and would be placed on the Table of the House.

Heritage Site in Mehrauli

88. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Heritage site has been demarcated in Mehrauli;

(b) if so, the particulars of protected monuments included in the Heritage site;

(c) the particulars of other non-protected historical structures included therein;

(d) whether any private land or building is included in the site; and

(e) if so, whether the ASI has undertaken a survey of the site and initiated steps to remove unlawful occupation, to check illegal construction and acquire private properties?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Qutb archaeological area, a World Heritage Site is already well demarcated.

(b) Twelve monuments located within the archaeological area are centrally protected.

(c) There are no unprotected historical structures within Qutb archaeological area.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Information in this regard is being collected and would be placed before the table of the House.

Illegal encroachments around World Heritage Sites

89. PROF M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Heritage Sites which are threatened by illegal encroachments; and